

REMARKS

Claims 50-79 are pending in the present application.

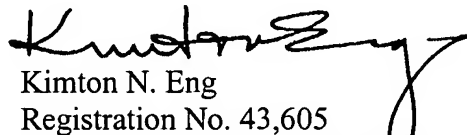
In the office action mailed April 6, 2004 (the "Office Action"), claims 50 and 53 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9 and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,293 to Manning (the "Manning patent"). Claims 51, 52, and 54-57 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 58-79 were allowed.

With respect to the rejection of claim 50 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) has been provided with this amendment. Consequently, the rejection of claim 50 for obviousness-type double patenting should be withdrawn. Claims 51-57, which depend from claim 50, are similarly allowable based on their dependency from allowable base claim 50.

All of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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